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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

INFO AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EPAP, EAGR, AS

SUBJECT: 1976 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM

REF: STATE 098056

1. GRAEME THOMSON OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY MET WITH STATE AND USDA OFFICERS MAY 5, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, TO DISCUSS THE LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPH 7(C) OF THE 1976 MEAT AGREEMENT, A SECTION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF THE NOTES TO BE EXCHANGED WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ONLY. THOMSON HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US THAT HIS GOVERNMENT INSISTED ON RECEIVING INFORMATION ON IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA BY SHIP AND PORT OF ENTRY FOR EACH AND EVERY MONTH OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. WE HAD AGREED TO SEE IF THE USG COULD GO BEYOND LANGUAGE WE HAD PROPOSED TO COVER A US COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE SUCH DATA "JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARCH 1976 AND SUCH OTHER PERIODS AS MAY BE NECESSARY".

2. WE INFORMED THOMSON THAT SINCE HEARING APRIL 28 THAT THE GOA INSISTED ON RECEIVING DATA FOR EACH AND EVERY MONTH, WE HAD AGAIN EXPLORED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SUCH DATA. AFTER DELIBERATIONS AT THE WORKING LEVEL AND POLICY LEVEL OF STATE, AGRICULTURE AND TREASURY, WE HAD CONCLUDED THAT TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION WOULD REQUIRE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM THAT WOULD BE PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE AND TIME CONSUMING. WE OFFERED INSTEAD TO PROVIDE GOA DATA BY US CUSTOMS DISTRICT ON A WEEKLY BASIS WITH APPROXIMATELY A TWO WEEK DELAY.

3. THOMSON STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NEED TO CONSULT WITH CANBERRA, HE DOUBTED IF OUR OFFER WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. THOMSON SAID THIS MATTER MAY REOPEN DISCUSSION ON THE LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF THE TEXT CABLED IN STATE 098056 AND AT MINIMUM WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF PHRASE "OTHER PERIODS AS MAY BE NECESSARY" IN PARAGRAPH 7(C).

4. ALTHOUGH NEW ZEALAND HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT OUR PROPOSED TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE, THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY HAS SAID GONZ DESIRES A TEXT IDENTICAL IN PHRASING TO THAT WE EXCHANGE WITH AUSTRALIA, PROVIDED IT NO LESS ATTRACTIVE THAN PRESENT US PROPOSAL. KISSINGER

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